

1. Fashola, Contractors Assess Uncompleted NIPP, TCN Projects

A meeting between the Minister of Power, Works and Housing Mr. Babatunde Fashola and the contractors handling various electricity project undertaken by Niger Delta Power Holding Company Plc (NDPHC) and Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) was held to help the contractors resolve challenges preventing them from completing their project. A list of all contractors that have finished their project and handed the project over, that has completed up to 70 percent of their project and also contractors that have challenges of clearing their equipment from the seaport, all lists should be submitted to the minister.

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2. NERC, SON May Ban Importation Of High Appliances

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) is working with Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON) in order to identify and label energy- efficient electrical appliances to enable consumers pick the best product. Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) is considering the ban of electrical appliances that consumes high volume of electricity, using electrical appliances that is energy efficient would be beneficial to consumers as they would have to pay a lower energy bill without compromise. NERC has also approached other agencies to back them in this project.

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3. DISCOs Urge Buhari To Stop Soldiers' Brutality Against Electricity Workers

The 11 electricity distribution companies in the country governed by the Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED) have cried out to the President Muhammadu Buhari to help stop the brutality against their workers by soldiers as they only doing their jobs. These workers are brutally beaten by soldiers when they ask them to pay their bills and disciplinary actions are taken on the soldiers. The body revealed that the security and military agencies alone in the government establishment owes the Discos N93 billion. The ANED is calling on the Federal Government especially the President to call his boys to order.

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4. Efficient Power Supply Panacea To Nigeria's Industrialisation

At the inauguration ceremony of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) Large Corporations Group, the President and CEO Of GE Nigeria said power supply must be stable in Nigeria before manufacturing can be boosted in Nigeria. He also stressed that the problem was not for the government alone but for all stakeholders in the power ecosystem. Other keynote speakers were the Chief Executive Officer of British American Tobacco, Mr Chris Allister, and the Vice President of MAN, Engineer Ibrahim Usman. The Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Hajiya A'isha Abubakar, was also in attendance. She said the federal government was committed to creating the enabling environment for manufacturing to thrive in the country. **Daily Trust p. 18**

5. Nigerians groan under worsening power situation

Due to the vandalism of gas pipelines, the nations generation capacity dropped to about **600MW** recently leaving a lot of customers in total blackout as DISCOs has to do load-shedding with the little amount of electricity being allocated to them. The Discos are also appealing to customers to report meter by-pass, illegal connections as these illegal activities will obstruct the fair distribution of limited supply to customers who pay their bills. It was also stated that these illegal customers are a major problem for the high estimated bill as they as the reason for unaccounted energy losses.

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